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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

My family depends on fast broadband provided by Sonic over ATT copper lines. If you prevent Sonic from using ATT lines, you will drive US communities back into the 20th century.

My octagenarian mother in LA would have had to pay \$100/month to get faster service from ATT. Instead, she gets better service from Sonic for much less.

At our home, ATT has delayed providing fiber. We get our internet from Sonic over ATT copper lines. Moreover, when I call Sonic about service problems, they identify which poorly maintained old ATT box has failed in the neighborhood and bird-dog ATT to get them to fix it.

When I was in France for six months five years ago, I got accustomed to having fast broadband. It was a huge disappointment to come home to the slow internet of the US. So, when Sonic offered faster internet over ATT copper lines at a competitive price, we were thrilled. Now, Sonic is laying fiber in our neighborhood, which will finally allow us to get the internet speeds at home that we were able to get in France five years ago.

If you eliminate the competition from Sonic, you will slow innovation in the US even further.

Thanks for supporting competition in the broadband market,

Ellen Simms